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Docket No. 157330/99 (NEC.173)



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Michiaki Sakamoto

Serial No.: 09/585,472

Group Art Unit: 2871

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Examiner: Rude, T.

For: ACTIVE MATRIX LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The allowable subject matter of claim 27 is incorporated into independent claim 1. However, since claim 1 is believed to be generic to the two embodiments previously identified by the Examiner, and since method claims for forming a patentably distinct device are rejoivable, Applicant believes that all independent claims, once this allowable feature is incorporated, are now allowable. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder of the previously-withdrawn claims, as indicated hereinbelow.